

(b) if so, the when the last negotiation were held with them;

(c) the amount demanded by Asiasat for leasing a transponder; and

(d) the likely amount of lease now to be paid to Asiasat?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRJAVYAS):

(a) Negotiations can be revived only if any offer is received from ASIASET.

(b) 13th December, 1991.

(c) U. S. Dollars 1.7 million per year.

(d) Does not arise.

Supply of Pellets to Japan and Australia

6097. SHRI S. B. SIDNAL: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Kudremukh Iron Ore Co. Ltd. has signed any contract for supply of pellets to Japan;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether KIOCL has signed a long term contract with Australia for supply of pellets; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHANDEV): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. KIOCL has signed a long term contract with Japanese Steel Mills for supply of a firm quantity of 2.80 lakh tonnes and an optional quantity of 1.20 lakh tonnes of pellets per annum during the year 1991 to 1995.

(c) and (d). Yes, Sir. KIOCL has signed a long term contract with an Australian party for supply of a firm quantity of 3 lakh tonnes with an optional quantity of 1.50 lakh tonnes per annum of pellets for a period of 4 years commencing from 1991-92.

Casual Producers with Calcutta Doordarshan

6098. SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the Calcutta Doordarshan has been paying ten days remuneration to the casual production who have been working for twenty five days in a month; and

(b) Whether the authorities have changed their designation from Casual Production Assistants to Ground Workers; and

(c) if so, the facts in details in regard to part (a) and (b) and

(d) The action taken to include those artists for developmental involvement and proper working participation?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRJAVYAS):

(a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) No, Sir. According to information furnished by DG; Doordarshan the designation of casual Production Assistant has not been changed to ground workers. The number of Production Assistants booked on casual basis is restricted to the number of vacancies available in the grade at the time of such bookings, which may differ from time to time. The ground workers are engaged to do some casual nature of work depending upon the requirement of programmes. While Casual Production Assistants are booked for not more 10 days in a month on rotation basis, the ground workers are booked on programme basis.

(d) As the ground workers are booked to do casual nature of work on programme basis, there cannot be any development